

# 91st Illinois General Assembly Senate Transcript

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SENATE TRANSCRIPT

63rd Legislative Day

January 13, 2000

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Dr. Gary Rhodes, Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Rhodes.

THE REVEREND DR. GARY RHODES:

(Prayer by the Reverend Dr. Gary Rhodes)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

This morning I was just checking to see if my buttons work.  
Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 12th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Klemm, for what

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purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, I just wanted to thank "Mr. Illinois", Stan Weaver, for his generous contribution to the Purdue Alumni Retirement Fund, for needy alumni. And I thought it was very generous of him and I thought I want to acknowledge that.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Boo! You got lucky. We'll get you next time, Shorty.

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Molaro is still ill, and I wanted to report that and ask for that to be...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Communications.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Communication from Senator Fawell, dated January 12th, 2000.

Dear President Philip - Please be advised that I am submitting this letter of resignation as Illinois State Senator of the 20th Legislative District effective January 13th, 2000, at the hour of 12 noon. I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving in the General Assembly and I thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours, Beverly J. Fawell, State Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1329, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1330, by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1331, Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1332, by Senator del Valle.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1333, presented by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Obama offers Senate Bill 1334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1335, by Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1336, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1337 is offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House {sic} (Senate) Bill 1338, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1339, presented by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1340, by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1341, by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

...Bill 1342, by Senator Karpiel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1343, by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1344, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1345, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1346, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1347, by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Noland, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Hold on just a minute. Go ahead, Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have been blessed, on both sides of the aisle, in the Illinois General Assembly, and especially here in the Senate, with outstanding individuals who serve us in staff positions. And we couldn't do the work we do, and we're very fortunate to have individuals dedicated to helping us pass laws

and communicate that message to the public. And in particular, one individual I have found is leaving us. And that is Sharon Brown. Sharon Brown's been with the General Assembly for thirteen years in total. I had the privilege of knowing her in the beginning in the House, when she served there for seven years. And she came to the Senate and has worked very well, and she's been with the Senate for six years. And we are aware that Sharon is -- is leaving to be the Deputy Press Secretary for the Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka. And I just want to thank Sharon for years of hard work and outstanding service to the citizens of Illinois and wish her well as Deputy Press Secretary for the State Treasurer. So join me in welcoming Sharon Brown and congratulating her on years of service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We wish Sharon well. We certainly appreciated her fine service. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 258, by Senator del Valle.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. We'll now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

If not, then the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, say Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Thank you, Madam President. I'm standing on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point of personal privilege.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Just for the information of the Membership, another one of our staff members is -- is leaving today. It's his last day with the Illinois Senate. Jim Downing, who you may recall, came here three years ago with a full head of hair, and he came to us from CMS. He's been working very diligently for the Illinois Senate, and he will be leaving us after today, going to the Illinois Development Finance Authority, for a pay raise and more responsibility. And we wish him the best of luck, and congratulations to Jim Downing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We wish you the best, Jim. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yes. As you know, Jim Owen -- this is -- the 15th is his last day. This will be the last day that he'll be working for us while we're in Session. And believe it or not, he's been working in the Senate for me for sixteen years; before that, five years with Governor Thompson. He's a valuable staffer. When I want to get something done, I know where I go. I go to Jim Owen and he will get it done. We're going to miss you. I know you're going to bigger and better things. And just in case you didn't know it, he's going to, probably, be lobbying us, at about ten times the salary he's been making here. So, congratulations. Good luck.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Congratulations, Jim. We wish you well, Jim. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:



Well, yes. Thank you. We want -- point of personal privilege. We want to...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Point of personal privilege. Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We want to congratulate all of those who have gone on to bigger and better things. At some time, can you give us a -- a list of who's left?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, if anybody should know, Senator Demuzio, I'm sure you know. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to announce a Republican Caucus immediately in Senator Philip's Office. Immediately in Senator Philip's Office. It should be fairly short.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Republican Caucus requested immediately in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Madam President, I wish to announce that the -- there will be

a Democratic Caucus in Senator Jones' Office immediately at the close of this Session. Thank you, everyone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

A request of Senator Smith for -- for a Democrat Caucus immediately in Senator Emil Jones' Office. Your request is in order. Granted, both requests. There'll be caucuses immediately. Senator Smith -- Senator Smith, how much time do you need for your caucus? Thirty minutes? And, Senator Karpel, how much time do you need for your caucus? All right. We will be back at 10 o'clock. We stand in recess till 10 o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 1366, offered by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary begins reading title of bill)

Pardon me. Take that one out of the record.

Senate Bill 1348, offered by Senators Sullivan and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1349, by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1350, by Senators O'Malley, Petka and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House -- or, Senate Bill 1351, by Senator Burzynski.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1352, by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Demuzio offers Senate Bill 1353.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1354, Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1355, Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator DeLeo presents Senate Bill 1356.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1357, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1358, offered by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1359, by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1360, by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1361, by Senators Dillard, Philip and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1362, by Senators Dillard, Philip and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1363, by Senators Dillard, Philip and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1364, by Senators Dillard, Philip and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1365, by Senators Dillard, Philip and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1366, by Senators Dillard and Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1367, by Senator Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 259, offered by Senators Bowles and Sieben.

It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365 and 1366.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 49, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 49)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 49. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Donahue moves to -- to adopt Senate Joint Resolution 49. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, the Senate stands adjourned.